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In connection with Senator McCarthy's demand that mechanical "lie detectors" be used in the hearings at which he will be a witness, it is interesting to read what the head of this country's Central Intelligence Agency has to say about this device in the current issue of United States News: "You should remember that we never use lie detector results as conclusive. It merely gives clues to be followed up in other ways, particularly the ordinary methods of questioning." In other words, the CIA has the same belief that the FBI has expressed about lie detectors; they are "helpful" but not "conclusive" and—in the case of habitual liars—they are useless.